

5 March 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Record

SUBJECT: Security Desk Trays

STAT I called on [] to determine if some compromise could not be worked out in connection with the security desk trays, either through the issuance of specific instructions regarding their use or ^{by} include ^{NOTE} a stencil on the front or top of the box which would state something to the effect that the lock box could not be left in an unattended room.

STAT My impression was that [] was somewhat embarrassed by the fact that they had not worked with us as we had requested in the initial development stages. However, he indicated that [] was quite firm in his determination that the locks should not be on the boxes. ^{*} He called [] in an attempt to have him see me but [] talking through his secretary, simply reiterated his desire to have the lock eliminated from the box.

STAT [] suggested that their position should be documented and that he would do so in a memorandum to us. He felt that if we wished to carry the matter further we could prepare a reply giving our justification for using the locks.

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STAT []

*stated that at the staff meeting it was
the consensus opinion that the locks should be
eliminated.*